

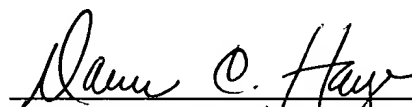
REMARKS

Claims 3-5 and 8-23 are pending in this application, with Claims 4, 9, 11, 12 and 18 being independent. Claims 3-4, 8-9, 11-12, 14, 18 and 20 have been amended, and Claims 1-2, 6-7 and 24-27 have been cancelled herein. All amendments presented herein are made for reasons of clarity with respect to the specification, and not for reasons relating to the statutory requirements for patentability.

Applicants have amended the claims in accordance with the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 4, 5, 9, and 10, and to overcome the rejections under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully request prompt issuance of a Notice thereof.

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